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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that some of the foreign channels continue to relay the programmes in the country despite violation of the prescribed norms;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government against those foreign channels; and

(d) the number of foreign companies conforming to the norms stipulated by the Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S.JAIPAL REDDY)

(a) to (d): All TV channels including foreign channels (i.e. channels uplinking from abroad) transmitted/retransmitted through the Cable Network are required to strictly adhere to the provisions of the Programme Code and Advertising Code prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules framed there under. Any violation of these Codes attracts action against them under the Cable Act. In this regard, the Government has set up an Inter-Ministerial Committee to look into the violations of the Programme and Advertising Code, either suo moto or on complaints. This Ministry has suspended the telecast of one foreign channel Cine World (CW) for a month (uplinking from abroad) for violation of the Programme Code.